## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.2355 ha forest land **(FP/TG/Pipeline/491436/2024)** for laying of Natural gas pipeline along the road and within the existing Right of Way falling in Gajwel Shareef and Narsampally RFs of Siddipet forest division in Siddipet District in favour of M/s. Torrent Gas Private Limited.–Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 67

Dated: 26-06-2025 Read the following:-

- 1. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/27/ 2024-FCA Section, Dt:08.09.2024.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.1977/For.I (1)/2024, Dt.23.10.2024.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.28.11.2024.
- 4. From the PCCF (HoFF), TG., Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/27/2022-FCA Section, Dated:03.01.2025.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.2346/For.I(1)/2020, Dated:17.01.2025.
- 6. the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.30.01.2025.
- 7.From PCCF (HoFF)(FAC), T.G., Hyd., Rc.No.FC3/FC15/27/ 2024-FCA Section, Dt.08.06.2025.

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#### **ORDER**

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 0.2355 ha forest land **(FP/TG/Pipeline/491436/2024)** for laying of Natural gas pipeline along the road and within the existing Right of Way falling in Gajwel Shareef and Narsampally RFs of Siddipet forest division in Siddipet District in favour of M/s. Torrent Gas Private Limited.

- 2. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Government of India, Hyderabad have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
- 3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.
- 4. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal **(FP/TG/Pipeline/491436/2024)** under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein. Subsequently, the PCCF, Hyderabad has requested the state Government to re-consider and accord Stage-II approval vide letter 7<sup>th</sup> read above.
- 5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 0.2355 ha forest land **(FP/TG/Pipeline/491436/2024)** for laying of Natural gas pipeline along the road and within the existing Right of

Way falling in Gajwel Shareef and Narsampally RFs of Siddipet forest division in Siddipet District in favour of M/s. Torrent Gas Private Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

## 1. General Conditions

1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.3	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.4	Compensatory levies, to be realized from the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of forest land, shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module (https://parivesh.nic.in/) of PARIVESH, into the concerned account of State/UT CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);
1.5	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.6	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.7	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, at 20m apart, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar. The State government shall not hand over forest land to the UA till demarcation on the field is completed.
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.10	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.11	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.12	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.2355 ha.
1.13	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.14	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;

The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

#### 2. Standard condition

S. No	Conditions
2.1	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on thee-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.
2.2	Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up over an area of 2 ha of degraded forest land in Comp.No.264, Gajwel Shareef RF of Komatibanda beat, Gajwel range in Siddipet for planting of 640 trees in gaps as per the approved CA scheme.

### 3. Specific condition

S. No	Conditions
	N/A

- 6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Τo

The PCCF (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.

# Copy to:

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER